

PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

7 Dec 61

1. CONGO:

A. UN AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT TSHOMBE'S AIR FORCE YESTERDAY. WITH AIR SUPERIORITY AND A FIRM HOLD ON ELIZABETHVILLE AIRFIELD, THE UN HAS BEEN ABLE TO RE-INFORCE ITS TROOPS HEAVILY AND PLANS TO "DENUDE" THE REST OF THE CONGO OF UN FORCES FOR A FURTHER BUILD-UP IN KATANGA. UN CHIEF LINNER HAS ORDERED HIS REPRESENTATIVES IN ELIZABETHVILLE "TO END THE SITUATION THERE AS SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE" AND KATANGAN LEADERS ARE ALSO TALKING OF A "FIGHT-TO-THE-FINISH."

B. INITIAL REPORTS THIS MORNING SHOW THAT UN FORCES ARE HAVING SOME SUCCESS IN CLEARING ELIZABETHVILLE IN BITTER HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING.

C. US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WERE TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN FROM THE AIRLIFT AFTER ONE WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESUMPTION ARE UNDER WAY.



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D. THE LAST REPORT FROM CONSUL HOFFACKER WAS SENT AT 1730 YESTERDAY CONGO TIME; HE WAS THEN STILL UNDER HOUSE ARREST BUT NO FURTHER ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST HIM.

E. TSHOMBE, AFTER BACKING AND FILLING YESTERDAY, FINALLY FLEW TO BRAZZAVILLE, WHERE OUR EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PRESS HIM FOR HOFFACKER'S RELEASE. TSHOMBE PLANS TO GO ON TO ELIZABETHVILLE, BUT HOW IS UNCLEAR.

2. VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY PLANS FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT:

[REDACTED] BUILDUP OF

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DISRUPTIVE ACTION, TO INCLUDE ATTACKS ON AMERICAN BUSINESS FIRMS, SABOTAGE OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND STREET DEMONSTRATIONS. HOWEVER,

[REDACTED] PROHIBITED ANY ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE. PREPARATIONS

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FOR THESE ACTIVITIES ARE GOING FORWARD. [REDACTED]

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3. FURTHER INFORMATION ON KHRUSHCHEV-LANGE TALKS:

A. KHRUSHCHEV SAID THAT IF AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON BERLIN THE USSR AND EAST GERMANY WOULD PLACE ORDERS FOR GOODS THERE, SUSTAINING THE CITY'S LIFE; IF THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT THE CITY WOULD DIE AND ITS PEOPLE LEAVE.

B. HE WOULD AGREE TO HAVING UN HEADQUARTERS IN THE CITY, BUT NOT JUST UN AGENCIES.

C. HE SAID THE QUESTION OF EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION COULD BE COVERED IN A PROTOCOL "WHICH EACH SIDE COULD INTERPRET AS IT LIKED."

4. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

ALTHOUGH GENERAL RODRIGUEZ HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED TUESDAY AND THE EXTREME LEFT STILL HAS RESERVATIONS, SWEETNESS AND LIGHT PREVAILS FOR THE MOMENT IN SANTO DOMINGO. A BANDWAGON ATMOSPHERE APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING.

5. FRENCH SUBMIT REVISED TREATY FOR POLITICAL CONFEDERATION OF SIX:
THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES APPEAR TO BE:

A. A COMMON DEFENSE POLICY WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH NATO.

B. THERE WOULD BE A SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH SOME "AUTONOMOUS" POWERS.

C. THE ROLE OF THE EEC ASSEMBLY WOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

6. SOVIET BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLAN FOR 1962:

THE BUDGET ALLOTS 13.4 BILLION RUBLES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. LAST YEAR'S FIGURE WAS ORIGINALLY 9.25, RAISED TO 12.35 BY KHRUSHCHEV IN JULY. SOME OF THE INCREASE IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SOVIET FORCES AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL, HIGHER THAN THAT PLANNED LAST YEAR, AND A SUBSTANTIAL STEP-UP IN PROCUREMENT OF ADVANCED WEAPONS MAY BE CALLED

FOR, BUT WE THINK AT LEAST PART OF IT RESULTS FROM JUGGLING OF THE BOOKS FOR POLITICAL EFFECT--TRANSFERRING CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURE NOT PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED TO BE MILITARY FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE BUDGET INTO THE EXPLICIT MILITARY ACCOUNT. THE PLAN CALLS FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND OUTPUT TO GROW AT RATES SOMEWHAT BELOW THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS BUT STILL AT RATES CONSISTENT WITH THE SEVEN AND TWENTY YEAR PLANS.

7. NOTES

A. SOUVANNA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG HAVE ACCEPTED BOUN OUM'S OFFER TO COME TO XIENG KHOUANG AND SAY THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY. THEY INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL STICK TO THEIR PREVIOUS CONDITIONS ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SHOULD THEY COME TO VIENTIANE LATER. WE HAVE SOME INDICATION OF INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY NORTH OF VIENTIANE.

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B. THE INDIAN MILITARY CONCENTRATION AGAINST GOA CONTINUES AMID A FLURRY OF CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES. REPORTS OF FURTHER PORTUGUESE REINFORCEMENT APPEAR TO BE AN INDIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR OF NERVES.

C. A LONG CHINESE COMMUNIST STATEMENT YESTERDAY REPLIES TO INDIAN CHARGES OF AGGRESSION WITH MORE OF THE SAME. THE CHINESE APPEAR WILLING TO DEFEND THEIR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS BY FORCE.

D. IN A LONG CABLE LAST NIGHT DISCUSSING MEXICO'S VOTE IN THE OAS, AMBASSADOR MANN RAISES THE QUESTION WHETHER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MEXICO NEXT MONTH SHOULD STILL BE MADE.

E. THE SAUDI'S ARE PRESSING FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND KING SAUD BEFORE HE LEAVES THE COUNTRY.

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H. HUNGARY HAS FOLLOWED UP ITS OFFER TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION OF THE CARDINAL MINDZENTY PROBLEM WITH AN INVITATION TO U THANT TO VISIT THE COUNTRY. BUDAPEST IS APPARENTLY MANUEVERING TO AVOID ANOTHER UN DEBATE.

I. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT BRAZIL IS ABOUT TO RECOGNIZE COMMUNIST CHINA. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION, BUT DO NOT RULE IT OUT COMPLETELY.

K. LATE ITEM

FIRST ELEMENTS OF THE BATTLE GROUP MOVING FROM WEST GERMANY TO WEST BERLIN TODAY HAVE REACHED THE CITY WITH NO INTERFERENCE YET REPORTED.

8. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--6 DECEMBER 1961

NO SINO-SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY INTENDS DELIBERATELY TO INITIATE DIRECT MILITARY ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

BERLIN: THE CONSTRUCTION AT BABELSBERG ON THE BERLIN AUTOBAHN AND AT THE SECTOR CHECKPOINTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN HAS INCREASED THE CAPABILITY OF THE COMMUNISTS TO HARASS ALLIED ACCESS. THE COMMUNISTS MAY USE THE ROTATION OF US TROOPS INTO WEST BERLIN AS THE PRETEXT FOR SOME FURTHER MOVE AGAINST ALLIED RIGHTS.

SOUTH VIETNAM: THE HIGH RATE OF VIET CONG SUBVERSIVE AND MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUES, WITH NO MARKEDLY SUCCESSFUL COUNTER-ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT FORCES.